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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/712,376; Filed: November 14, 2003
For: **Methods and Apparatus For Conformably Sealing Prostheses Within
Body Lumens**
Inventors: Fogarty *et al.*
Our Ref: P510 DIV 2 (1737.1480002/TUM)

Sir:

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Entitled: Methods and Apparatus for Conformably Sealing Prostheses Within Body Lumens

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Medtronic AVE, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment of an invention known as Methods and Apparatus for Conformably Sealing Prostheses Within Body Lumens (Attorney Docket No. P510 DIV2 (1737.1480002)), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors (1) Thomas J. Fogarty (2) Jay A. Lenker; (3) Brian J. Cox; (4) Allan R. Will; and (5) Kirsten Freislinger (said application filed on November 14, 2003 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Patent Number 10/712,376.

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